Upkeep of link road connecting NH 8 and 11

†2308. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the link road connecting the National Highway No. 8 and 11 has been converted into pucca road in Ringus in Shahpura *via* Nathusar with central assistance;

(b) if so, what is the present condition of this link road;

(c) the authority responsible for its maintenance if the condition thereof is dilapidated;

(d) whether the Centre is considering to get it repaired on its own expenses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan have reported that it is already a pucca road constructed out of State funds and that the condition of the road is satisfactory except in a stretch of 8 kms, in which renewal work is in progress.

The responsibility for maintenance of this road is of the Public Works Department, Government of Rajasthan. Besides, repair of roads is not envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Connecting rural masses through Wireless Wide Area Network

2309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to deploy Wireless Wide Area Network connectivity for the use of rural masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the utility and benefits of such technology for rural populace has been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.